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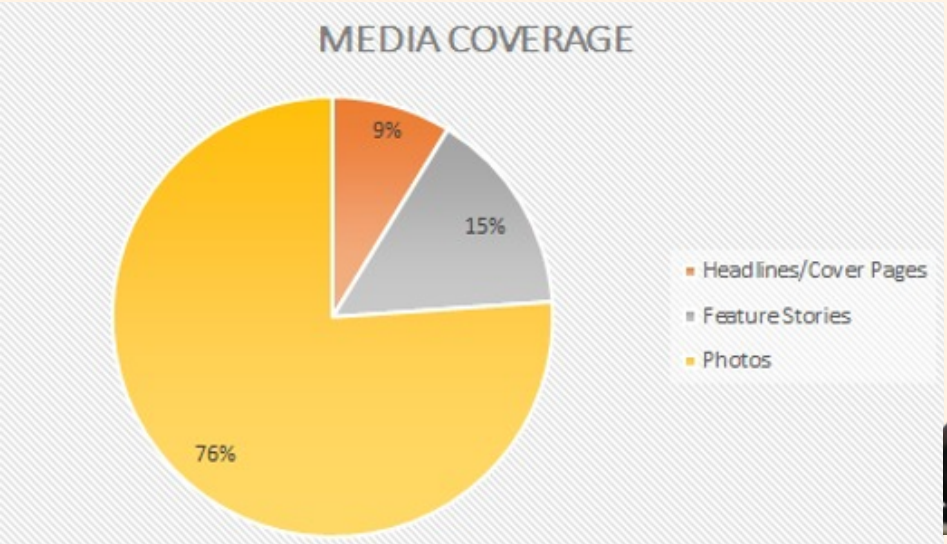
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Quarterly Newsletter on children

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- A report on media coverage of children points to inadequate space allocated to children
- Children from Uganda want a parliament by children, for children's issues
- High Sound launches the 2025 media clubs cohort to benefit over 200 learners
- Menstrual Hygiene Day: government launches guidelines for schools and education institutions in Uganda.
- High Sound for Children partners with PEAS Uganda to implement media clubs in its supported schools.
- Online Safety for children: HSC takes discussion to X spaces and the church

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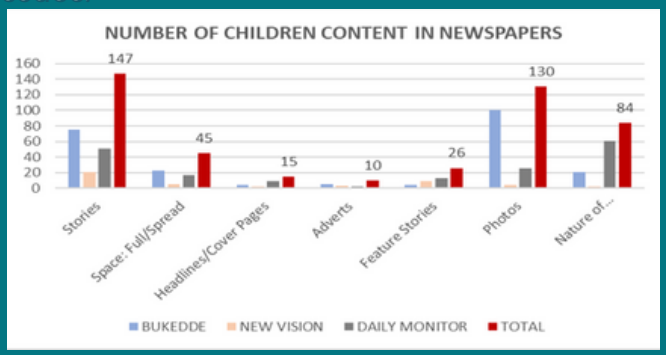




INADEQUATE SPACE ALLOCATED TO CHILDREN IN THE MEDIA: NEW REPORT.

Protection not guaranteed

While children make up a significant portion of Uganda's population, they receive little consistent media attention in daily reporting; a new report by High Sound for Children reveals. The report examined how three of Uganda's leading newspapers that include New Vision, Daily Monitor, and Bukedde cover children's issues.



Where coverage does exist, child protection safeguards are not always observed.The study highlights that children's stories are often placed in less prominent sections, and there is limited variety in how children are represented.

In many cases, coverage focuses on children affected by tragedy or conflict, with few stories highlighting their resilience, achievements, or voices.

Children portrayed as victims



The report recommends regular training of journalists and editors, development and adoption of clear, enforceable guidelines to ensure ethical and protective reporting on children's issues.



The stories sampled.

NEWSPAPERS	BUKEDDE	NEW VISION	DAILY MONITOR	TOTA
Stories	75	21	51	147
Space: Full/Spread	23	5	17	45
Headlines/Cover Pages	4	2	9	15
Adverts	5	3	2	10
Feature Stories	4	9	13	26
Photos	100	4	26	130
Nature of Photos: Full/Half	21	2	61	84

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UGANDAN CHILD REPRESENTATIVES CALL FOR A CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT

Children want their voices heard

Ugandan representatives who participated in the Africa Children's Summit 2025 returned home with a bold and passionate call: establish a Children's Parliament in Uganda.

The Summit, hosted in Johannesburg, South Africa, was a child-led event convened by the South African Government through the Department of Social Development, in partnership with the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.

It brought together child representatives from across the continent to deliberate on pressing issues affecting children, with a strong focus on education this year.

Uganda's delegation, composed of outspoken young leaders who shared their reflections with High Sound for Children upon their return. Among them was Shanita Nassanga, who expressed both pride in representing her country and frustration at what she described as a "missed opportunity" for Uganda.

"We got so embarrassed when found that many countries have parliaments for children. We have shared our concern with the chairperson of the summit "



At the summit, Ugandan representatives made several key demands on the theme of education. They called for an end to all barriers preventing children from accessing quality education, including poverty, gender inequality, and unsafe school environments. Most notably, they emphasized the need for inclusive education systems that accommodate and empower children with disabilities.

Uganda Child Rights NGO Network led the children who attended the summit.

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HIGH SOUND FOR CHILDREN LAUNCHES SECOND COHORT OF MEDIA CLUB LEARNERS

Through the clubs, children receive media literacy skills and empowered to speak

High Sound for Children has launched the second cohort of learners set to benefit from its media clubs this financial year. A team of 200 children will undergo training and mentorship on responsible media usage throughout 2025.

The sessions, integrated into the school timetable, will equip children with essential media literacy skills. They will receive guidance from The Smart Media Guide, a publication by High Sound for Children.

The guide covers topics such as safe media usage, different forms of media, writing, public speech, social media, and debunking fake news among others. Additionally, members will have the opportunity to engage with key media professionals.

Speaking at the launch held at Jesjonny Primary, High Sound for Children Team Lead, Hadijah Mwanje, expressed gratitude to the schools for their continued support to the program, which has empowered many children with media literacy skills since 2019.

The six weeks program unpacks media for children



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High Sound for Children's Media and Communications Officer, Ivan Ssenabulya, introduced the media club concept to the new members, urging them to make the most of this opportunity.

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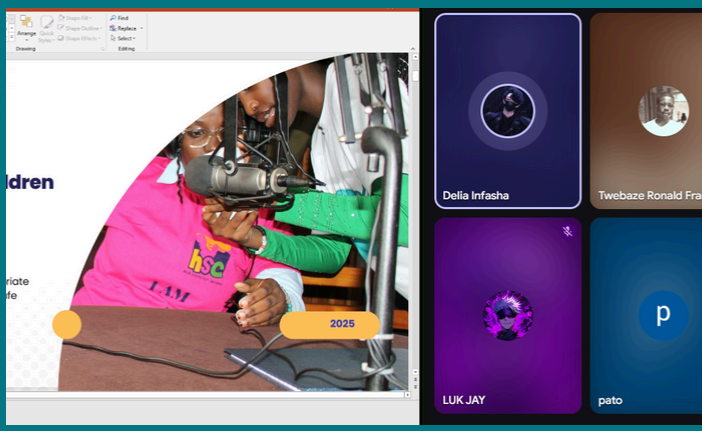
HIGH SOUND EXPANDS THE MEDIA LITERACY PROGRAM TO INCLUDE MORE SCHOOLS

High Sound for Children introduced media clubs to students at London College of St. Lawrence, encouraging them to create a clean digital footprint.

The call was made by the organization's founder, Hadijah Mwanje, during a school assembly at the Maya Campus. She commended the school for equipping learners with essential skills through the London Spectrum, a weekly compilation of student-led stories presented during assemblies.

London College is also home to High Sound for Children ambassadors, Stacy Achen and Joselyn Apio who addressed the London Spectrum team on the importance of navigating media platforms responsibly.

The Headteacher of London College of St. Lawrence Rose Galabuzi expressed appreciation for High Sound for Children's initiative and pledged full support to ensure the media club remains active and vibrant.



Above: Online session and Below HSC team lead interacts with learners.





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HIGH SOUND FOR CHILDREN PARTNERS WITH PEAS UGANDA TO PROMOTE SAFE MEDIA USE IN SCHOOLS.

High Sound for Children Uganda has launched a six-week training program on safe and responsible media usage in four schools supported by Promoting Equality in African Schools Organization (PEAS).

The training seeks to empower learners with media literacy skills on how to safely navigate both offline and online media spaces. By unpacking different forms of media, the program will cover topics such as generating news articles, broadcast media, online safety, and the impact of media on young minds using the Smart Media Guide. Sessions on public speech and building self esteem will also be handled during the sessions.



In the Pictures: Child led sessions





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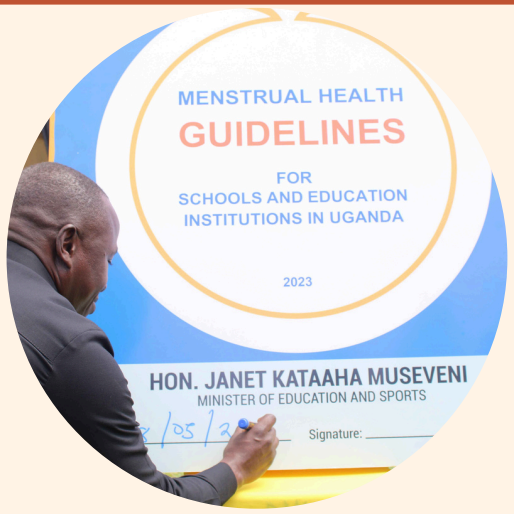


MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY 2025; GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS LAUNCHED. (PICTORIAL)





On the left: Child participants from London College of St. Lawrence, Bright Way Primary and Jesjonny Primary School





Above: State Minister for sports,Peter Ogwang signs guidelines on behalf of the Minister of Education and Sports.



Children MCs



Some of the officials arrive at the event

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COLLABORATIONS: HSC PARTICIPATES IN SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO COMMEMORATE FATHERS' DAY 2025



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ONLINE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN: HSC TAKES THE DISCUSSION TO XSPACES AND THE CHURCH



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High Sound for Children Executive Director Hadijah Mwanje speaks to parents during a meeting convened by Eden Miracle Center Church





HSC engaged the public on online child safety and mental health on X-Spaces.

ABOUT HIGH SOUND CHILDREN

High Sound for Children is a media for Children organization founded by journalists to protect Children from exposure to inappropriate media content by promoting safe offline and online environments, empowering media practioners, children, caregivers and communities through education and advocacy for responsible content policies and practices.

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